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LETTER DATED 25 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance, provocation and aggression against Iraq during the period 12-19 January 1993.

12-13 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Samawah, Salman, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Qurnah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

13-14 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 159 sorties, flown by AWACS, F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Busayyah, Diwaniyah, Ushbayhah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Lasaq, Mu'ayanah, Samawah, Najaf and Qurnah.

At 2120 hours on 13 January 1993, hostile aircraft committed a new act of aggression against Iraq in which one soldier and three civilians were killed and three soldiers and four civilians wounded when the aircraft in question attacked a residential complex comprising a number of inhabited dwellings near the petrochemical complex in the Basra Governorate.

14-15 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 90 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 9,500 metres, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayhah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

15-16 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 98 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Shatrah, Qal'at Salih and Qurnah.

16-17 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 48 sorties, flown by AWACS, F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 97 sorties, flown by TR-1, F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Khidr, Ushbayhah, Lasaq, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Artawi and Qurnah.

17-18 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 56 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 91 sorties, flown by Mirage, F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Shatrah, Busayyah, and Qurnah.

18-19 January 1993

(a) Northern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 91 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 11,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Khidr, Salman, Ushbayhah, Lasaq, Najaf, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
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